

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

35 USC §103(a)

Independent claim 6 is rejected under §103(a) over Bolash et al. (US 6,151,041) in view of Matsumoto (US 4,628,332). Claim 6 is amended to better distinguish over this combination of references.

Amended claim 6 recites that each cartridge includes a plurality of ink reservoirs for feeding the printhead and a refill port for refilling each of the plurality of ink reservoirs. It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Bolash et al. and Matsumoto does not teach or suggest a system comprising cartridges each including a plurality of ink reservoirs for feeding the printhead, nor a refill port as claimed.

Moreover, new claim 6 is added reciting a second cradle. The second cradle supports one or more functionalities of a cartridge not supported by the first cradle. Applicant respectfully submits that no combination of the cited references teach or suggest a second cradle as claimed.

Claim Objections

Claim 5 and claim 4 is made dependent from claim 7. This amendment corrects the reference to "cradles" in the plurality.

Applicant earnestly seeks the Examiner's opinion and comments on the above point, and looks forward to word of further Official Communication in due course.

Very respectfully,



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